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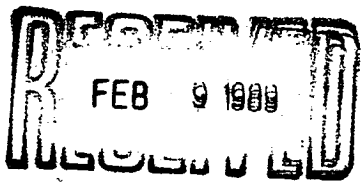

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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I write to solicit your help in supporting the Aspen Bile Acid/Cholesterol Conference which will be held again on August 18-21, 1990, in Aspen, Colorado. I enclose the proposed program for this meeting. We would like to ask you to contribute $5,000 for the support of this meeting. We are also anxious to secure stable support for this conference, which has become an important event in the annual summer conference schedule for those investigators and institutions, like yours, interested in cholesterol, lipids and lipoproteins in cardiovascular and gastrointestinal disease. To this end, we hope that your corporation will consider making a longer term commitment, providing $5,000 in each of five years. One of your corporate colleagues, Bristol Myers, has already made a five year commitment of the sort suggested. The Board of the Aspen Conference has recommended that all corporations providing an underwriting of $5,000 for this conference be free to send up to two representatives to the conference free of registration, which for industrial representatives is normally $1,250. In addition, the corporations helping to sponsor the conference will be suitably acknowledged in the conference program.

This conference is unique in a number of important respects:

1) It is one of the few state-of-the-art conferences at which there is a substantial presence of young scientists in training. The Board of the Aspen Conference seeks to afford 40% of the places at the conference (total: 100-110 places) to persons at the level of Assistant Professor or more junior, including postdoctoral fellows and graduate students.

2) It is a small, informal and highly interactive meeting where experts in the topics selected may present their state-of-the-art accomplishments to a group which includes senior and junior investigators drawn from academic institutions and industry. Indeed, one of your staff attended this conference last year. The

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meeting is held in an incomparably relaxing environment. Enough time exists for one-on-one interactions among participants, all of whom are invited to present their work in poster form if they wish. Participants take their breakfasts, two lunches and a dinner together, where there are yet further opportunities for interaction.

3) The meeting is usually devoted to a topic that is of mutual interest to investigators in the areas of gastroenterology and cardiovascular studies.

The topic for the 1990 meeting is "Hepatic Cholesterol and Postprandial Lipoproteins," which is of great current interest. As you see from the program, the leading investigators in fields related to lipid absorption, lipid interchange among lipoproteins, reverse cholesterol transport, and receptors for triglyceride-rich lipoproteins will be presenting their work at this meeting. Dr. Daniel Steinberg is the co-chairman for this meeting. He will be responsible for the organization of the 1991 meeting, which will probably be devoted to drugs affecting cholesterol, lipid and lipoprotein metabolism. The 1989 meeting, chaired by Dr. Scott Grundy, dealt with diet and the regulation of hepatic function, lipoprotein production and catabolism.

We hope that you will wish to contribute to this and following meetings.

Sincerely,

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